



CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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The claims have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) An apparatus [A computer system] comprising:  
an interface adapted to:  
    receive a request from a [another] computer system for identification of the  
apparatus [first computer system], and  
    furnish a hash value that identifies the apparatus [first computer system] to the  
[said another] computer system; and  
a processor coupled to the interface and adapted to:  
    encrypt an identifier that identifies the apparatus [first computer system]  
with a key associated with the [said another] computer system to produce the hash value.
7. (Amended) The apparatus [computer system] of claim 6, wherein the identifier  
comprises a processor number that identifies the processor.
8. (Amended) The apparatus [computer system] of claim 6, wherein the processor  
comprises:  
a memory adapted to store microcode for performing the encryption; and  
a control unit coupled to the memory and adapted to execute the microcode to perform  
the encryption.
9. (Amended) The apparatus [computer system] of claim 6, wherein the processor is  
further adapted to:  
interact with the interface to receive the key from the [said another] computer system.
16. (Amended) The microprocessor of claim 15, wherein the execution unit  
comprises:  
a control unit [coupled to the algorithmic unit and the registers]; and  
a memory coupled to the control unit and storing microcode to cause the control unit to  
use the key and the identifier to produce the hash value.